Hereas Mr. John Houghton, Citizen and Fellow of the ROYAL SOCIETY of London, hath published Three Volumes of Collections for Improvement of Dusbanding and Etade; and before he Undertook the last Volume, after a Mature Consideration, Inquisition and Consultation received from his good Friends the Testimonial following.

November 11. 1691.

Citizen of London, and Fellow of the ROYAL SOCIETY there, in the Discovery and Collection of Matters worthy Observation, and more particularly such as relate to the Improvement of Dusbandry and Crave. Towards his furtherance wherein, and in his laudable Inclination already experienced, and now surther designed, to the communicating the Effects thereof to the Publick; We do hereby most willingly give him this Testimony of our Knowledg and Esteem, in order to the recommending him to the Notice, Assistance, and Encouragement of all Gentlemen and others, desirous of promoting the Endeavours of a Person so qualify'd and disposed to the Service of his Country.

And this was Subscribed by

Sir Robert Southwell.
Sir Thomas Meres.
Sir John Hoskins.
Sir Peter Pett.
Sir Anthony Deane.
John Evelin, Esq;
Thomas Henshaw, Esq;
Abraham Hill, Esq;
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Alexander Pitsield, Esq;
Richard Waller, Esq;
Edward Haynes, Esq;
Mr. Thomas Langham.
Mr. Francis Lodwick,
Mr. Edmund Hally.

In Consequence hereof Twenty Four Papers or Numbers (which make the Volume) were published and sold at Two Pence each, and (although every hard word was explain'd) yet they being Philosophical, (as Treating chiefly of the Nature and Qualities of Earth, Water, Air, and Fire, not after the manner of the Ancients, but yet as Introductory to most useful Knowledg,) and their publication continuing only the Three Spring Months, when there was no Parliament, they had the Ill Fortune to be but little known; and the Vulgar Reader would not give Two Pence for a Single Paper, that (at first fight) they thought they should not understand. Eatherstoze learning his Charge by this Experience, which he could not otherwise compute; and finding it would run to well nigh Two Hundred Pound a Year, he was both by an over-hazardous prosecution of his Attempt to expose himself to farther Loss; notwithstanding he be as Zealous for the Service of his Country, as any Prudent Man can be: tatherstoze if according to the Desire of divers Learned Men, and others of good Understanding in Husbandry and Trade, who have declared their Approbation of the Usefulness and Benefit of this Undertaking, he shall proceed in it, It must be by having some Enowragement from Persons wishing well to such Endeavours for the Advantage of their Country.

The Premites considered, each of us whose Names are underwritten; have given, and do promise starly to continue to the said Houghton the Sum underwritten; provided he shall (when not hindred by Extraordinary Occasions) publish at least once a Week, and for a Penny apiece, such Colletions as he formerly used to do, Treating of the Improvements of Husbander and Exade, the Prices of Cornall over England, &c.

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